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In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

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Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MANIPULATING OR DISPENSING MULTIPLE FILAMENTS

May 5, 2006

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated January 5, 2006, the period for reply being extended to May 5, 2006 by the Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time filed herewith, Applicants hereby elects the invention of Group I, claims 1-8, directed to a device for manipulating and dispensing multiple filaments. This election is made with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement is improper as the criteria for a proper restriction requirement set forth in MPEP § 803 has not been satisfied. In particular, it is respectfully submitted that the no serious burden exists to search and examine the entire application. It is respectfully noted that the entire application has already been searched and examined. See MPEP § 811.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are respectfully requested.

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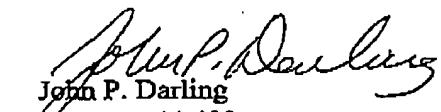
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